The Street-Lighting Contract. By the publication of an amended contract for electric lighting the appointment of a public meeting to consider its provisions the Township Committee have shown their willingness to be guided by public opinion This is as it should be. This is a town where the people govern. No the United Edison Manufacturing Company of important change in local government was ever made, no great public work was ever inaugurated here without having first been considered in a meeting to which all the citizens were

Moreover, the introduction of clause in the contract requiring the consent of property-owners to be secured before the contract is signed is a movement in the right direction. It would not have been pleasant for taxpayers to be required to sign away the right to plant poles in front of their property under penalty of being left in darkness if they refused.

Another wise provision is the clause to limit the franchise to a definite term. Whether seven years is not too long is a question. There is no doubt about a perpetual franchise. It should not be given.

The contract now printed should be carefully studied by taxpayers, to the end that no error may be made may direct, either in the matter or method of the franchise given, or the rights secured. But more than this should be done. power.

The whole matter should be gone privileged to take the initiative in every kind connected with the plant to be first dollars per annum. raising the necessary funds, obtaining the consent of property-owners, and buying the patent rights of the cheapest and best company, and finally township.

There are still many facts to be gathered as to the best system of of electric lights, cost of introduction into the houses and methods of placing the wires underground.

Upon the one hand we are told that the cost of wiring houses for electric lights and furnishing lamps is | ing whatsoever. excessive, if not prohibitive altogether, and upon the other that it can be cheaply done. We are told that the placing of wires underground is so expensive as to make it impracticable in a country town. Others tell us that it can be cheaply and effectively Committee that they are in a position to light done. Estimates of total cost twenty miles of underground wires vary from \$30,000 to \$100,000.

If it can be done for \$30,000, the wires ought certainly to go underground. The larger sum is probably too great to be considered.

'Figures should be obtained as the cost of purchasing plants of different companies with the view to first part. organizing a local company-with underground wires if possible. Such a company would be an or-

nament to the town, useful in showing its public spirit and a help in developing its resources. Much of the dissatisfaction which

has arisen in regard to the street lighting contract is due to the lack of reliable information which has been open to the tax-payers. With the opportunity to consider what has been 3 16 done, to correct what is still in need 5 16 of correction, or to annul the action already taken, if this is deemed advisable, this cause of complaint will quickly pass away.

As we have said before, there is no need of haste in completing the con- Ninth-And the party of the first part fur- their removal, at the expense of party of the which little can be done in the way of this contract they will, unless the said period for the purpose of carrying the electric fire of building or setting poles. The shall be extended by the party of the second alarm wires, in which case the said party of township is not suffering for light so part, remove their poles and wires from the the second part shall have the privilege of purlong as the gas continues to burn. Streets and puone places of said township of the carrying of fire alarm wires Even the Edison Electric Light Com- for public or private fighting, and in case they only, at a reasonable price, pany will not suffer by the delay, as shall not so remove said poles and wires, then Twenty-Second-And it is further agreed they have not so far expended any considerable amount of money upon said party of the first part, after giving the the contract. It may be that the party of the first part thirty days notice in agreement offered by them is the best obtainable. If so the people are ther agree that they will make yearly conlikely to find it out sooner or later, tracts with the party of the second part to by a resolution of the said Township Com-If discussion should show that it is not a good agreement for the town, six years in addition to the herein mentioned self interest will lead them to modify term of one year, at the same or a less rate per its provisions, rather than permit another company to step in their place, the second part shall give sixty days notice in We are glad that the Township Com- writing of their desire to make such contracts mittee are desirous that the matter prior to the --- day of --- in each year. shall have thorough public considera- ment, the said parts of the second part doth tion, and hope that the tax payers hereby agree will give it the attention it deserves. ---

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ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Notice is hereby given that the TOW? SHIP COMMITTEE will be in attendance at Dodd's Hall, Friday evening, December 20th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing the opinion of taxpayers on the provisions of a contract for ELECTRIC LIGHT NG. The following is a draft of the proposed contract, it being expressly understood that this draft has not been acted on, but is merely form prepared for submission to the taxpayers. By order of THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

This agreement made this day --- of eighteen hundred and eighty nine, between the City of New York, party of the first part, and the inhabitants of the township of Bloom-Jersey, party of the second part, witnesseth as

agrees to light the streets and public places in said township of Bloomfield for the term of one year, with electric lights, known as the Edison Incandescent Electric Lights, each light or lamp to be of twenty-five standard candle powto erect. equip, install and maintain an Edison Central station complete in all respects, with a full and complete Electric Light plant, and to furnish and maintain the poles, wires, lamps electric current and all other things necessary for the proper production of said electric lights, said electric plant and appliances to be completed and said lights to be furnished from

Second-The electric lights herein provided ber, and shall be located in such places as the Township Committee of said township of Bloomfield shall designate. The party of the first part also agrees to furnish within thirty shall, at the option of the said party of the days after receiving notice so to do from party of the second part, such additional lights from time to time as the party of the second part

Third-Each light or lamp shall be kept burning every night from early candle light to 1 o'clock A. M., at the full twenty-five candle

der the supervision of the township Committee, over anew. Granting that the electric with special regard to its sightliness, to be of hereby authorized to require from time to good straight cedar or chestnut poles, trimmed time (not exceeding four time a year) an exgas—would it not be better to have be injured, said poles to be not more than furnished under this contract at the expense of them furnished by a local company? twenty-five feet in height, the safety appli- the party of the first part, The expense of If so such a company should be ances, switches, cut, outs, and apparatus of such examination not to exceed one hundre

And the said party of the first part further covenant and agree that they will employ in the installation of the plant all proper means devices and materials known to them for the protection of persons, animals and property making a contract directly with the from any injury arising from the use of the appliances and materials they contract to provide part shall repay the expense of such additional and erect, and the said party of the first part shall be responsible for all damage done to property, both public and private, in the erection and maintenance of the said poles and wires, and the use thereof, for the aforesaid purposes. The said poles are to be erected so as not to interfere with the general and ordihary use of the sidewalk and street, and no pole shall be so located as to interfere with the

front approach to any dwelling house or build. Fifth-The said party of the first part further agree that before erecting any plant, poles or wires they will procure and submit to the Township Committee of Bloomfield, the written consent to the erection of said poles and a rebate or reduction from the quarterly bill for wires of a sufficient number of the owners of property in front of which it shall be necessary to erect said poles and wires, to show to said substantially all the streets, parts of streets and public places now lighted by gas.

Sixth-The electric lamps shall be attached to the lamp posts now erected in said township by what is known as the goose-neck connection, where lamp posts have been erected throughout the area proposed to be lighted. Seventh-The party of the second part shall be permitted to attach and maintain one line of wire, to the poles of said party of the first part for fire alarm purposes, the same to be done under the supervision of the party of the

Eighth-The said party of the first part hereby agrees that in consideration of the right to other than Providence and unavoidable acerect and maintain said pole line for the period cidents, to furnish the electric light as of seven years next ensuing, throughout the streets and public places of said township of tylof the second part shall have the right to Bloomfield, they, the said party of the first light said streets and public places at the expart, will furnish the citizens and residents of said township during said term with Edison of three months from the expiration of said incandescent lights of sixteen candle power for private or domestic use at the following rates, except where lamps are burned continuously all

per month for each light, or they will furnish

candle power lamp. ther agree that at the expiration of the period first part, excepting such poles as the Township of seven years mentioned in the eighth clause streets and public places of said township of chasing from the said party of the first part such the party of the second part shall have the right to remove them at the expense of the

writing to remove the same. Tenth-And the party of the first part furlight the said streets and public places in the said township of Bloomfield, for the term of lamp, and subject to the same restrictions as herein contained, provided that said party of And in consideration of the foregoing agree-

Eleventh-That they will pay to said party of the first part the sum of fifteen dollars per annum for each electric light furnished in pursuance of this contract, and at the rate of fifteen dollars per annum for each light FRANK J. CHENKY makes outh that he is the formshed in excess of the five hundred lights herein specified, such payments to be made in equal quarterly payments, so soon as the

> Twelfth-That this contract for street lighting shall remain in force for one year from the day of --- next ensuing the date

Thirteenth-That the said party of the first part shall have the right to erect and mairtain within the streets of the township of Bloomfield for the period of seven years next Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and ensuing the date hereof, a pole line for the acts directly upon the blood and mucous purpose of supplying electric lights or power surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, for the private or domestic use of the residents of said township, subject to reasonable F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toleslo, O., regulations which may be imposed by the party of the second part, notwithstanding

the fact that this contract for street lighting may not be renewed, provided, however, that at the expiration of said term of seven years, the said poles and wires shall be removed as here-

Fourteenth-The said party of the second par

inbefore provided.

hereby grants unto the party of the first part the right to erect their poles and pole lines on the streets and public places in said township of Bloomfield at such places as may be designated by the Township Committee, so far as mid streets and public places are under the control of the Township Committee, and does DRESS SILKS. also grant to said party of the first part the privilege of using the lamp posts now erected in said; township for the purpose of at- DRESS GOODS taching electric lamps thereto, it being understood, however, that said lamp posts shall be kept in good condition by said party of the first part, and at the expiration of this contract (in case the same shall not be refield, in the County of Essex, and State of New | newed) the said lamp posts are to be surrendered or returned to said party of the second part in as good condition as they now are, rea-

acts of God excepted. It is further agreed that the lanterns and fixtures now attached to each lamp post for the LACES purpose of gas consumption shall be carefully removed and stored by the party of the first er, and for that purpose at their own expense part, and in the event of the discontinuance in the streets of electric lighting from any cause whatever, or at the termination and nonfixtures are to be replaced by the party of the

> Fifteenth-And it is further agreed that if the said party of the first part shall fail to build, erect and put up the necessary poles and wires, buildings, apparatus and machinery to complete their plant for lighting the streets of ance wi h this agreement, then this agreement second part, become null and void.

> Sixteenth And it is hereby mutually covenanted and agreed that the aforesaid five hundred lamps shall be subject to a thirty-night consecutive use in accordance with the terms of this contract before the party of the second part shall be held to have accepted the same as being a full compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract.

Additional examinations, if any shall be deemed necessary, may be required by the Township Committee of Bloomfield, but shall be at their expense, unless the party of the first part shall be found thereby to be in default in regard to the candle power of the light furnished, in which case the party-of the first examination, provided that the expense of such additional examinations shall not exceed \$25 for each examination.

Eighteenth-The expert to be employed t make such examination shall be chosen by the parties hereto, and if they shall be unable t agree upon any person, such expert shall 1 chosen by arbitrators; said arbitrators shall consist of three persons, one to be chosen by each of the parties hereto, and those two t choose a third person.

Nineteenth-In the event of any examiner finding any lamp or light to be below the required candle power, or the equivalent, there shall be allowed to the party of the second part every such lamp or light of the full amount of the charge for every night/that such light shall

Twentieth-If from any cause the said par ty of the first part shall be unable to furnish light in said electric lamps, they shall within ninety-six hours thereafter, place under the direction of the Township Committee of Bloomfield an oil or gas lamp, and keep the same lighted from early candle light to 1 o'clock A. M., at eech place where there may have been an electric light. And in case of failure of said party of the first part so to do, they shall forfeit the amount of the charge of one month's lighting of the said electrical lamps. Twenty-first-And it is further agreed that if

the said party of the first part shall for

twenty consecutive nights fail, by reasons

hereinbefore agreed upon, then the said parpense of party of the first part for the period twenty days, and if, at the expiration of said three months, the said party of the first part shall still neglect or refuse for any reason to furnish said electric lights, then the said party of the second part may forthwith by resolution of said Township Committee terminate all rights and privileges herein granted unto the said party of the first part, and the same shall thereafter forever become null and void, and the said party of the first part shall, under the direction and supervision of the said Townmeters (same to be paid for by consumers), in thereafter all poles and wires, for whatever which case the rate is, not to exceed one and purpose used, from the streets of said township one-quarter cents per hour for each sixteen of Bloomfield, and upon their failure so to do, the said Township Committee may cause

> be of the essence of this agreement, and that said party of the first part shall not assign this contract without the consent of said party Z of the second part, such consent to be signified

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